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SUMMARY. OUR SOURCES HAVE GIVEN US A FEW MORE TIDBITS
ON THE SHCHARANSKIY AND ORLOV INVESTIGATIONS AND ON
KGB HARASSMENT OF PENTECOSTAL LEADERS IN ESTONIA. END
SUMMARY.

1. ORLOV CASE. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, MRS. ORLOV
WAS RECENTLY READ A MESSAGE PURPORTEDLY FROM HER HUSBAND
CONCERNING HIS WISHES WITH REGARD TO LEGAL DEFENSE.
OUR SOURCES DID NOT KNOW THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE.
THEY INDICATED THAT MRS. ORLOV COULD NOT BE SURE THAT IT
WAS IN FACT FROM HER HUSBAND SINCE, UNLIKE MRS. GINZBURG,
WHO WAS PERMITTED TO READ THE MESSAGE PERSONALLY AND
THEREBY CHECK THE HANDWRITING (REFTEL), SHE WAS NOT
PERMITTED TO SEE IT.
2. SHCHARANSKIY CASE. SHCHARANSKIY'S BROTHER WAS CALLED
TO LEFORTOVO AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 17 FOR WHAT HAS BECOME
FAIRLY STANDARD EXCHANGE ON DEFENSE LAWYER. SOVIET
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AUTHORITIES THIS TIME ASKED THE BROTHER TO SIGN AN
AUTHORIZATION FOR THEM TO SELECT AN ATTORNEY FOR
SHCHARANSKIY. HE REFUSED AND SAID HE WANTED A MEETING
WITH SHCHARANSKIY TO ASCERTAIN HIS WISHES. THE AUTHORI-
TIES REFUSED TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING. (COMMENT: IF
ORLOV AND GINZBURG MESSAGES ARE GENUINE, SHCHARANSKIY
IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE THREE PRISONERS WHO HAS EITHER

REFUSED OR NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO COMMUNICATE HIS WISHES CONCERNING DEFENSE TO HIS FAMILY. END COMMENT.)

3. KGB HARASSMENT OF PENTECOSTAL LEADERS. WE HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED FROM A REFUSENIK SOURCE THAT TWO ESTONIAN PENTECOSTAL LEADERS, BISHOPS VASILYI IVANOVICH GORELKIN AND F.N.U. MATVYEVYUK, WERE WARNED IN NOVEMBER 1977 BY A KGB OFFICIAL NAMED TIMOLSK THAT THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED IF THEY CONTINUED TO ENGAGE IN ANTO-SOVIET ACTIVITY. TIMOLSK ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD GORELKIN THAT HIS EXIT PERMISSION FOR AUSTRALIA, GIVEN IN OCTOBER, HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN.

4. GORELKIN'S IS A PARTICULARLY BIZARRE REFUSENIK CASE. HE WAS BORN IN CHINA IN 1930 OF SOVIET CITIZEN PARENTS, EDUCATED THERE AND TAUGHT AT AN INSTITUTE IN SHANGHAI. ABOUT 1955, THE FAMILY DECIDED TO LEAVE CHINA --THE PARENTS TO RETURN TO THE SOVIET UNION, GORELKIN AND HIS SISTER TO EMIGRATE TO AUSTRALIA. GORELKIN, A CHINESE CITIZEN, ACCOMPANIED HIS PARENTS TO THE SOVIET UNION TO SETTLE THEM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR AUSTRALIA, BUT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE. HE HAS BEEN IMPRISONED TWICE FOR ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES AND REPORTEDLY TORTURED DURING KGB INTERROGATION IN 1972. IN 1974, AFTER RESISTING FOR YEARS, HE FINALLY ACCEPTED SOVIET CITIZENSHIP PAPERS, BUT HAS NOT GIVEN UP HIS EFFORTS TO EMIGRATE. MATLOCK
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